

ALL NAVY OFFICERS WANT THEIR CHANCE

Flood of Requests Pours In
From Men of Every
Rank.

ALL READY FOR ACTION

Willing to Take Any Command,
Writes Captain Now on
Leave.

"By today's mail I have made a formal written request for duty afloat, in command of anything. I mean exactly what I said in my letter, as I would most gratefully accept the command of any ship, however obsolete or weak."

"I will not let the question of rank or dignity stand in the way of acceptance of the command of even a gunboat, if no other command is available. In my opinion, an officer can make his own opportunities for doing good work if he is given half a chance."

This letter, received by the chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy from one of the most capable captains in the service, who stands nearly at the top of his grade, and from a man who has only half completed his tour of shore duty, is typical of the flood of requests that are piling in upon the Navy Department from naval officers who "want their chance" if there is to be war with Germany.

Spirit of Readiness.
Seldom in the history of the American navy has there been displayed more of a spirit of readiness for conflict among the officers of the fleet. From admirals to ensigns there is an eagerness all down the line for a chance to be in the thick of it, if a fight is to come.

Men on shore duty are besieging the powers that be for transfer to sea assignments, and grizzled old retired officers are hanging about the Navy Department, grumblingly insisting that they are "feeling fit and ready for anything."

Naturally, the men of the navy feel that if there is to be war with Germany it will be the sea force of the United States that will play the leading part. As far as preliminaries go, the war, as far as the navy organization goes, is already under way.

Where the Atlantic fleet is at the present time no one except the department heads precisely knows.

Bulletins Suspended.
The department several days ago suspended the customary daily bulletins of ship movements, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, at the suggestion of Admiral William E. Benson, chief of naval operations, has requested the newspaper correspondents in Washington not to speculate as to the whereabouts of the fleet.

All officers on leave have been recalled, and officers on the retired list and in the reserves, eligible for active duty, have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for assignment to stations. In the event of hostilities beginning, it is understood to be the plan to have most of the retired officers assigned to shore duty, thus leaving those on the active list available for service with the main fleet and reserve fleet.

To Convey Merchantsmen.
It is assumed that the first duty that will be required of the navy will be to convey American merchant ships across the Atlantic, for in the event of war it is taken for granted that the Germans would not confine their submarines to the war zone, but would send them to this side of the Atlantic to prey on American commerce.

For conveying duty and for aggressive campaigning against the submarines the plan would probably be to use light cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers, which, with a mosquito patrol of light gasoline launch craft for coastwise work, are most effective against the submarines.

The main fleet of dreadnaughts, it is assumed, would keep for the most part in the harbor behind mine fleets awaiting any opportunity that might present itself to engage heavier forces of the enemy. Inasmuch, however, as the German fleet is likely to be kept bottled up in Kiel harbor by the British fleet, it is probable that it is foreseen for the American dreadnaughts, unless President Wilson decides to send them to the North Sea to add their strength to the British blockade force or to bombard German shore stations.

The "Mosquito Fleet."
With the possibility always present that the Germans would send their submarines across the Atlantic to launch raids against shipping in American ports, considerable attention is being given by the Navy Department toward perfecting plans for handling the "mosquito fleet."

This fleet, a volunteer organization, made up of private launch owners, now a part of the naval reserve, has already held a number of maneuvers which have been watched in England with considerable interest.

The British have themselves developed these "mosquito flotillas" to a high degree, and it is understood they have already turned loose large numbers of these small craft in the German submarine area to operate against the U-boats.

PLAY FOR CHARITY
Washington Stage Society to Present Three Sketches.

Three plays will be presented by the Washington Stage Society, February 17, at the Casino Theater. Joseph Conrad's "One Day More" is probably the most unusual of the three. It has been presented only once before, by the London Stage Society, some years ago.

The other plays are "A Purely Relative Matter," a brief farce by Prof. Sampson, of Cornell, after the manner of Oscar Wilde, and "Sir James M. Barrie's clever little comedy, "Road to Rome." Local charities will benefit from the box office receipts.

The cast of characters for the three plays include the following: Miss Lillian Birney, Mrs. Mason Young, Miss Josephine, Commander Theodore Jewell, Frederick Nichols, Miss Edith Goode, George Triplett, Miss Leslie Cameron, Hattie Taylor, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thompson.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL

Alexandria Shriners Go to Richmond to
Attend the Ceremonial Session of Acca
Temple to Be Held This Evening.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 12.—The following Shriners who are members of Acca Temple, Richmond, left at noon today to attend the ceremonial session to be held in that city this evening: Illustrous Nobles E. E. Downham, J. H. Dugan, C. C. Grillo, W. B. Connelly, C. M. Schofield, V. A. Slaughter, C. A. Gwinn, Claude W. Fletcher, and George W. Zachary. The party joined Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., Imperial potentate of North America, who was on his way to attend the session at the station here. It is expected a large number of Shriners from all over the State will be present, as Acca Temple has a membership of over 1,500.

Numerous members of the Masonic fraternity here also went to Richmond today to attend the 139th annual communication of the grand lodge of Virginia, Alexandria. Washington Lodge will be represented by William H. Charles, worshipful master; Claude W. Fletcher, senior warden; and W. P. Davis, junior warden. Andrew Jackson Lodge will be represented by Walter E. Nicklin, worshipful master; R. S. Luckett, senior warden; and Harry B. Richards, junior warden. Deputy Grand Master Henry K. Field, of this city, who is in line for election as grand master, also will be in attendance. The grand lodge will continue in session three days.

The Drama League of Washington will give three one-act plays in the opera house here Saturday evening for the benefit of the free kindergarten of Alexandria.

It is expected the city council will fix the rate of speed for fire apparatus at its meeting tomorrow night. Eugene Parker, colored, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of shooting Samuel Littlejohn, also colored, was held by Judge Caten in police court this morning on \$100 bail, pending the results of Littlejohn's injuries.

The funeral of Mrs. Sumner V. Kelley, who died yesterday, will be held at the family residence, 130 North Columbus street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

Carl I. Budwosky, a graduate of Georgetown Law School, who will open an office here next month, was introduced to the corporation court this morning by Robinson Monroe. For the past five years he has been private secretary to Congressman Buchanan of Illinois.

Mrs. Ida E. Burke, aged thirty-six, wife of Henry Burke, of 205 Queen street, died yesterday at the home of her sister at 456 M street southwest, Washington. The body was brought here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Burke is survived by her husband, two sons, and two daughters. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Carne and Mrs. C. M. Shepperson attended the Virginia Press Association meeting at Charlottesville Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Raymond Hulshof and Miss Laura Hulshof, of Havre, Mont., are the guests of Mrs. Hulshof's mother, Mrs. Edward J. Evans, South St. Asaph street.

The Rev. E. V. Regester, pastor of the Methodist Church at Del Ray, will lecture on "Methodism in Roberts" Chapel here this evening.

The Laymen's Interdenominational League, of this city, will meet in the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this evening at 7:30.

Miss Helen Norris Cummings will address the Parent-Teacher Association of the West End School at the meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:15.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene R. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, delivered an address before the Baptist Ministers' Conference in Washington today.

NEWS AT HYATTSVILLE

Miss Mary O'Toole to Speak at Lincoln Birthday Celebration.

Lincoln's birthday will be celebrated tonight by the Prince George's county branch of the Maryland Joint Government League with an open meeting in the town hall at Riverdale. The principal speaker will be Miss Mary O'Toole, of Washington.

Miss Sue Campbell will give a suffrage monologue entitled, "Anti-Suffrage." H. Martin Williams, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, will give a talk on Lincoln. Mrs. Humphrey Daniel Howell is president of the county branch.

The Rev. John W. Slack has arranged with the Gypsy Smith campaign committee for the reservation of seats next Friday night for members of his congregation and their friends. A special car over the City and Suburban line will take the party to Washington.

The choir of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Laurel, will hold a card party and dance on the evening of February 16.

The municipal delinquent tax list of the town of Mt. Rainier, published by Town Treasurer Peter J. Hagan, shows 139 persons owing the corporation approximately \$350. The property advertised will be sold by the town on March 1, provided the taxes, with costs and interest, are not paid by that time.

Laura Francis Leonard has entered suit in the circuit court for an absolute divorce from Maurice Martin Leonard on the grounds of desertion.

A "valentine dance" will be given in the Masonic Hall at Upper Marlboro on February 16, for the benefit of the ladies association. The committee in charge is composed of William S. Hill, John Russell, R. Ernest

Smith, Robert L. Wells, W. Tilden Davis, Howard Sult, G. Sasser, and John Coale.

The county commissioners have entered negotiations for the purchase of twenty acres of land in Spalding district from the heirs of Sarah E. Sansbury for the use of the county almshouse.

The Seat Pleasant fire department will give a dance tonight in Sanford's Hall, the proceeds to be used toward paying for two chemical engines recently installed.

A week's short course in "Dairying" opens this morning at the Maryland State College of Agriculture.

NEWS AT ANACOSTIA

League of Good Shepherd and Holy Name Society Meets.

The League of the Good Shepherd and Holy Name Society of St. Teresa's Church met last night when an address was made by the Rev. Father Schneewies, assistant pastor. The branch of the Holy Name Society was only recently organized, but has a large membership.

Funeral services for Frederick H. Nokes, who died Friday, were held this afternoon at the family residence, 2127 Fifteenth street. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

The Public Improvement Association of Congress Heights will meet at Loeffler's Hotel tonight. The telephone company's side of the Government ownership question will be presented.

Miss Benita Peacock will entertain with a dance a large number of students of Eastern High School Friday evening in the assembly hall of St. Teresa's parochial school.

The Highland Athletic Club will hold a benefit picnic at one of the moving picture theaters soon to raise funds to place a baseball team in one of the leagues this season.

The fire apparatus was called out yesterday to extinguish a blaze in dry brush near Shannon place, which threatened several homes in the neighborhood.

Harry Eno, formerly of Anacostia, visited his family and friends the past week. He later left for Atlanta, Ga., to remain several weeks.

NEWS OF ROCKVILLE

Mrs. Sarah M. Griffith Dies of Pneumonia at Home Near Etchison.

Following an illness of one week, Mrs. Sarah M. Griffith, wife of William H. Griffith, died yesterday of pneumonia at her home, near Etchison, aged sixty-six years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Bradley Worthington, of Hagerstown, and Mrs. Verda Griffith, Mrs. T. Cramer Griffith, William L. Griffith, and Walter Griffith, all of this county. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the family residence.

The Rev. A. T. Howard, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the marriage here of Miss Naomi Veard Blundell, twenty years old, and Frederick William Schultze, aged twenty-one, both of Washington.

At the annual meeting in Baltimore of the Maryland High School Principals' Association, Prof. Charles G. Myers, principal of the Rockville High School, was chosen president for the ensuing year.

K. OF C. PLANS CELEBRATION
Distinguished Guests Plan Patriotic Event February 22.

With Speaker Champ Clark presiding, the Washington General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, will hold a patriotic celebration on Washington's Birthday, February 22, at D. A. R. Continental Memorial Hall, at 8:30. Morgan J. O'Brien, former judge of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York, will be the orator.

Five hundred guests have been invited including members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of Congress, and educators of the city.

The committee in charge consists of Major C. E. Edwards, chairman; Andrew J. Hickey, secretary, and Thomas K. Gallagher, treasurer, assisted by the following chairmen of subcommittees: Dr. W. E. Pairo, I. A. Rathbun, T. B. Nolan, C. Donnelly, and R. L. Lamb, P. I. Dorsey, P. L. O'Brien, C. McAvoy, and C. J. Montgomery, D. E. Barry.

TO OBSERVE FOUNDING

Howard University Celebration to Be Held Next Month.

Celebration of the semi-centennial of Howard University will take place March 1-4, according to announcements made by the General Alumni Association of that institution.

The present schedule for the celebration provides for a two-day sociological conference. The third day will be given over to an alumni meeting and Sunday, March 4, religious services to which a city-wide invitation will be extended, will be held. Mass meetings will be held on each evening.

IMBRIE CITED FOR BRAVERY.

Robert W. Imbrie, the young Washington lawyer who was cited for honors as an ambulance driver on the French front several months ago, has again won similar citation for bravery and devotion on ambulance duty in dangerous services about Monastir, according to dispatches received here.

Imbrie was a member of the law firm of McCormick and Imbrie when he left for the front. Imbrie's home is at 1701 Q street northwest.

KROONLAND HERE SAW U-BOAT RAID

Dutch Freighter Sunk Off Irish
Coast in Full View of
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NEW TEUTON ROVER LOOSE?

Supposed Submarine and Later
a Strange Steamer Sighted
in Midocean.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Kroonland, of the American line, arrived here yesterday from Liverpool with a dramatic account of the sinking of a freighter by a German submarine off the Irish coast.

Passengers aboard the Kroonland said they had witnessed the destruction by shelling of a Dutch freighter off the Irish coast on February 1, and later had sighted what the officers believed to be a German raider and a submarine in midocean.

The supposed craft caused the commander of the Kroonland, Capt. Thomas G. Barman, to approach the coast without lights in order to avoid risks. Hitherto all American vessels have been illuminated with electric lights fore and aft to show the flag, the name painted on the sides, and the ensign flying at the daggstaff.

Submarine Saved Men.
Captain Barman said that when he saw the freighter heel over to port and sink he prepared to go to the rescue of her crew, who had got away in lifeboats. He said that the vessel did not stand and see the men drowned, but later he saw that the submarine had taken the boats in tow, and he continued on his course toward New York.

According to the Kroonland's officers and passengers, the officer on the bridge at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 1, saw a big U-boat about nine miles to the southward of the freighter. The U-boat was steaming along at ten knots. The weather was very clear and the submarine could be seen plainly by the officers and the passengers on deck without using a glass.

Seven Steamers Near By.
The American liner had just passed the "Stocks" off the Fastnet, on the west coast of Ireland, and was about eleven miles off the land. An hour before the British destroyer had seen a 35-knot clipper bound north, and seven steamships were passing along in shore.

When the steamship, which was flying the Holland flag and had its bow gun pointed forward, was within five miles the officers on the Kroonland saw the submarine circle around the stern to see if she had a gun, and then steam up on the port side, and the captain to stop. The order was obeyed.

Couldn't See What Happened.
"I could not see what was happening," Captain Barman explained, "because the Dutch vessel was between the submarine and us. At 4:15 we heard three shots fired and almost simultaneously she listed over to port, and in five minutes she had gone to the bottom."

After submerging for a few minutes the U-boat rose to the surface and took the lifeboat in tow. Nothing could be seen of all this from the shore, Captain Barman explained, because the Kroonland was by that time between the sinking Dutch vessel and the land.

Didn't Go Toward Shore.
Instead of towing the unfortunate sailors from the freighter toward the shore, and enabling them to land in an hour or so on the Irish coast, the U-boat took the boat seaward at high speed, right in the teeth of a south-easterly breeze and choppy sea which had suddenly sprung up. The men must have been drowned and frozen to their seats in the lifeboat, it was said, because the weather was bitterly cold.

The passengers on the Kroonland saw the submarine go away after the Dutch steamship had been sunk, as they knew nothing about the German threat to attack neutral shipping on February 1, they all felt safe under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, which was flying at the stern of their vessel. On Friday afternoon, when the news was received by wireless and posted on the bulletin board, there was a good deal of excitement, and every one was glad to hear that the liner was some 340 miles to the westward of the coast of Ireland.

Strange Coasting Toward.
Again the routine of the voyage was broken at 7:50 o'clock, on Monday morning, February 5, when 1,200 miles out the officers on the bridge sighted a submarine. On Friday afternoon, when the news was received by wireless and posted on the bulletin board, there was a good deal of excitement, and every one was glad to hear that the liner was some 340 miles to the westward of the coast of Ireland.

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The tests are made by the inspectors placing in their mouth a harmless culture and drinking from the fountain. If a minute later the organisms in the culture are found in the water, the fountain is found to be unsanitary. The investigation, it was said, probably will occupy several weeks. At its conclusion a report will be submitted to the Health Officer Woodward to the Commissioner.

BEEF SUPPLY INCREASES.

There was an increase of 24.8 per cent frozen beef on hand in this country on February 1 as compared with the previous month, according to a report issued today by the Department of Agriculture. On February 1 cured beef reports showed an increase of 56.3 per cent over the previous month. Cold storage holdings of eggs fell off 67.9 per cent during January as compared with the same period a year ago.

Home Remedy for All Pain

"Are you in pain? This is the question you will hear daily, and to be able to relieve pain, whether it be a slight nervous headache or the most excruciating sufferings of neuritis or rheumatism, brings the height of pleasure to both patient and doctor."

Touching this point, E. J. Engle, A. M. M. D., says, "Anti-kamnia tablets have become favorites with members of the medical profession. They are very reliable in all kinds of pain, and act at once. To stop pain quickly, the dose is one or two tablets repeated in two or three hours if required."

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You feel fine in a few moments. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head clear. No more dullness, headaches; no hawking, snuffing, mucous discharges or dryness; no straining for breath at night.

Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little to your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly.

It is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable.—Adv.

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CONCERT TODAY

By the U. S. Marine Band Orchestra,
U. S. Marine Barracks,
At 2:30 p. m.

WILLIAM H. STANTMANN, Leader.

Program.
March, "Stanch and True," von Blon Overture, "Light Cavalry," Suppe Caprice, "Simplicity," Loee Suite Romantique, "A Day in Venice," Nevin

(a) Dawn, (b) The Gondoliers, (c) Venetian Love Song, (d) Good Night.

Waltz, "The Bachelors," Santelmann Suite, "Blossom Time," Massenet (a) Dimanche Matin, (b) Au Cabaret, (c) Sous les Tilleuls, Obligato by Taylor Branson, violin; Frits Mueller, cello, and Jacques L. Vanpoucke, clarinet, (d) Dimanche Noir.

Marine's Hymn, "The Halls of Montezuma."

the same manner. The passengers and officers were still discussing the incident at 9:30 o'clock, when smoke was seen away on the starboard bow.

Supposed Raider Sighted.
At 10 o'clock, when the Kroonland was steering west by south, a strange steamship was hulled up and plainly visible about five miles away to starboard. She kept up with the liner easily and ran a parallel course until 11:30, when she altered her course to the southwest, as if to join the submarine, and by noon she was hulled down on the horizon.

Captain Barman and his officers believed she might have been a German raider acting as supply ship to one or more U-boats, as they thought that, if she had been a British auxiliary cruiser the vessel would have given some signal to an American liner.

The officers said that the stranger was of about 6,000 gross tonnage, 400 feet long, with high poop and fore-decks, two masts and one funnel and painted black, so far as they could determine in the glare of the sun, which shone directly on her.

Distinguishing Marks.
The distinguishing marks about the stranger noted by the officers were a lower and upper lookout on the foremast, as on a whaler, a large crane hanging just forward of the funnel at an angle of forty-five degrees, two similar cranes on the quarter deck aft, suitable for hoisting boats or submarines, and two carbo booms lowered amidship at the base of each mast.

Captain Barman said she had lifeboats swung at the davits, and, judging by her superstructure amidships, looked as if she might be a passenger vessel. From her movements he judged she had a speed of sixteen knots or more. No sign of guns could be seen anywhere on her decks, the officers of the Kroonland said, but there were plenty of places for ports along her decks, where guns might be mounted and screened by canvas curtains painted the same color as the hull.

WILL TEST FOUNTAINS
Health Department Plans Investigation of Different Types.

To determine whether the so-called "sanitary" drinking fountains in use in the schools and District government building are sanitary in name only or whether they are purveyors of disease germs, the Health Department is about to begin a thorough inspection which will include all of the types in operation. Results of several preliminary tests influenced Health Officer Woodward in making the investigation.

The number of bubbling fountains in use in the school buildings is approximately 1,000, and there are 200 in the District and other Government buildings. The fountains include about a dozen different types. The installation of bubbling fountains to replace the common drinking cups was begun seven years ago.

Health officials declined today to forecast the result of their investigations.

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You may be thirty years, but if you are baldheaded or gray, people will surely take you to be many years older. Dandruff is the root of most hair evils. If it were not for the little destructive germs working with a persistency worthy of a better cause there would be but little baldness, and less people prematurely gray.

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